

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs 0018, 0033, 0034, and 0036 as follows:

[0018] It is affixed directly to the upper 10 of the boot and extends over the entire surface of the bottom assembly, i.e., from the area of the toes to the area of the heel. The element 50 for reinforcing the bottom assembly is constituted by a plate made of a relatively rigid material which preferably has elasticity characteristics, such as polyamide, polyurethane, PEBE, PEBA, or PBT.

[0033] Preferably, the surface of the EVA sole has, in recess, an impression corresponding to the has recesses, or depressions, that correspond to the profiles/contours the profile/contour of the two reinforcement elements 20, 50, whose depth corresponds to the thickness of these reinforcement elements.

[0034] When assembling the boot, the two reinforcement elements 20, 50 are positioned in the associated depressions impressions of the surface of the intermediary sole 60 and assembled to the latter by gluing. The wear sole 40 is also glued to the assembly, and the bottom assembly 30 thus constituted is assembled to the upper 10 of the boot by gluing. The upper U-shaped portion 21 of the reinforcement element 20 is also glued to the upper.

[0036] This flexible coupling of the two types of reinforcements 20, 50, via the intermediary sole 60, reconciles allows reconciling the contradictory requirements for stiffness, lateral retention of the foot on uneven ground, and flexibility related to the requirements of foot races.